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Dear Congressman Bryant

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I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the **Federal Communications Commission (FCC)**. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling **model airplanes**.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is reduced as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

The models themselves weigh between 7 and 24 pounds, and can travel up to 200 mph. They are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. I am not aware of this ever happening because of the safety precautions that we as modelers have always taken. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers.

Sincerely,

Gary Hurt